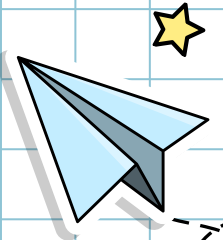


# Back To School

## CLASS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 1 - 2025/26



Please contact Miss Watson via Class Dojo if you have any questions regarding your child's learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome back to Year 1 and 2!

### Our Curriculum

This half term, our class text focus is 'The Naughty Bus' which will link with our key question of 'Where do I live?'.

We will be exploring our local area of Distington and using this to develop our skills as geographers as we explore and delve deeper into the world of map reading and the study of aerial photographs. We will be using the theme of our class story to explore pushes and pulls in science, understanding how things move, which will link into our DT study of mechanisms. In Autumn Term 2, we created moving pictures using the mechanisms of sliders and levers. Our new mechanisms topic, this half term, recaps this well whilst extending our knowledge and skills further through the introduction of wheel and axle mechanisms in different modes of transport.

We will continue to study maths in our split year groups with Miss Watson delivering our Year 2 curriculum and Mrs Benson delivering the Year 1 curriculum.

Year 2 children will be continuing their addition and subtraction unit, focussing more heavily on missing number problems and the addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers, before exploring shape and money. In Year 1, the children will focus on Place Value within 20, addition and subtraction within 20, length and height and mass and volume.

You can find our classes curriculum map on the school website for further details.

### Reading

Reading is a huge focus at Distington Community School and we are lucky to have an amazing library, which is somewhere the children can delve in to a good book and follow the journey of many different characters.

Our reading is supported through daily phonics sessions, which support the children in the reading and writing of letter sounds and more complex words. Our phonics sessions are repetitive, offering consistency, and support the children in segmenting words and blending sounds together. Each half term, your child is assessed on which sounds they recognise and their ability to blend sounds together, so it is always possible that your child will change adults and groups.

You can support your child's reading further at home by reading at least 5x a week. The worksheets we currently set focus on the sound your child is learning in phonics and, although it can be repetitive, the more your child is introduced to these sounds, the more likely they are to remember them. Please remember to sign your child's reading record each time they read as this will count towards their Strive for Five at the end of the half term and each read will enter them in to a whole school reading raffle!

### Reminders

**PE days** - This half term, we will take part in PE sessions on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. The children will focus on ball skills with Reece on a Wednesday (with a particular focus on sending and receiving games) and gymnastics with me on a Thursday. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear. Any jewellery must be removed or covered before coming to school too.

**Snack** - Snack for the half term is £5.00. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full at the beginning of the half term. Please send all money into school in labelled envelopes (if you need an envelope, ask on the door and we can provide you with one.)

**Dinners** - Please remember to pre-order children's school dinners on School Hub. For support with this, contact the school office. If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure all products are banana and nut free as we have confirmed allergies in school. Please try to order dinners alongside your child at home to ensure they like what has been ordered for them. All KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal.

**Uniform** - Please ensure that your child comes to school in their correct Distington uniform with an appropriate jacket for break and lunch times. All uniform must be labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix-ups or anything going missing.

### Empowering Learning

This half term we are learning to be Resourceful Thinkers. We will be drawing on the learning environment around us to think of new ideas whilst playing, observing and experimenting to find things out. We will be using our imagination to suggest ways to solve a range of problems and we will be resilient when having a go at new and unfamiliar tasks. In Year 2, we will be extending on this to generate questions linked to our topics that are sensible and reflective of the content introduced, allowing us to explain thoroughly what we have learnt from somebody else. We will also understand that things take time and that it is ok to leave a task and go back to it if it is taking a long time to solve/complete.

### Don't miss out!

Please continue to regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning/education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on Class Dojo. Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on Earwig and our school website, which includes our Year 1 and 2 class page. Don't forget to check them out!

